

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

BRIAN DAVIS,

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No.

-against-

COMPLAINT

UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,

Plaintiff Demands A
Trial by Jury

Defendant.

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Plaintiff, BRIAN DAVIS, as and for her Complaint against UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. respectfully alleges upon information and belief as follows:

NATURE OF THE CASE

1. Plaintiff complains pursuant to the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et. seq* (“ADA”), and seeks damages to redress the injuries Plaintiff has suffered as a result of being Discriminated against, retaliated against, and terminated by his employer solely due to his Disability.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. Jurisdiction of this action is conferred upon the court as this action involves a Federal Question under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

3. Venue is proper in this district based upon Defendants’ principal place of business within the County of Philadelphia, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, within the Eastern District

of Pennsylvania. Additionally, the Defendants' conduct business and the events took place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania within the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

4. On or about February 1, 2016, Plaintiff filed charges with the EEOC against Defendants as set forth herein.
5. Plaintiff's claim was dual filed and is currently pending with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the Philadelphia Commission on Human Rights.
6. Plaintiff's claims with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the Philadelphia Commission on Human Rights are not yet ripe for suit because the administrative processes have not been completed.
7. On or about August 30, 2016, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission issued Plaintiff his right to sue.
8. This action is being commenced within 90 days of receipt of the EEOC Right to Sue Letter.

PARTIES

9. Plaintiff BRIAN DAVIS (hereinafter also referred to as Plaintiff and "DAVIS") is an individual, disabled male who is a citizen of and resides in Philadelphia County, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
10. That at all times herein mentioned, Defendant Uber Technologies, Inc. ("UBER") was and still is a foreign business corporation organized and existing by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware and authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

11. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant UBER, operates a business located at 7821 Bartram Ave, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19153.
12. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant UBER is a global technology company that provides an accessible driving service, connecting drivers and riders via a mobile phone application.
13. At all times material, Plaintiff DAVIS was an employee of Defendant UBER.

MATERIAL FACTS

14. In or around 1992, Plaintiff Davis was involved in a severe motorcycle accident. Plaintiff Davis was in a coma for six weeks and diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury.
15. Traumatic brain injury occurs as a result of external mechanical forces which cause brain dysfunction, such as a violent blow or jolt to the head. Commonly, severe traumatic brain injury can result in bruising, torn tissues, bleeding from the brain and other physical damage that can be long term. Furthermore, common permanent cognitive or mental symptom include coma, disorders of consciousness, agitations and other unusual behaviors, profound confusions, and slurred speech.
16. Despite extensive therapy, Plaintiff is substantially limited and has noticeable and permanent slurred speech that impacts his ability to effective communicate with other people. As a result of his slurred speech, Plaintiff is regularly asked if he is intoxicated.
17. In or around Summer 2015, Plaintiff Davis completed an application and began working as a driver for Defendant UBER. Plaintiff drove approximately eight (8) hours per day, five (5) days per week, during which time he accepted seven (7) trips per day.
18. Plaintiff was informed that Defendant UBER conducted a comprehensive background check which he had successfully passed.

19. In or around October 2015, Plaintiff accepted a trip and proceeded to pick up a man and woman.

When the couple entered his car and began talking with Plaintiff Davis, the couple immediately assumed that Plaintiff Davis was intoxicated and left his car to get a taxi instead. Plaintiff Davis made numerous attempts to explain that he had a speech impediment but was not successful.

20. On or around November 1, 2015, Defendant UBER told Plaintiff Davis they were notified of a “situation” during a recent trip and that as a result, they were suspending his employment to conduct an investigation.

21. Plaintiff immediately contacted Defendant’s Philadelphia headquarters and informed them of his disability and the details of what had transpired during the above trip. Plaintiff Davis reassured Defendant that he has never nor would he ever drink during his job.

22. Plaintiff asked Defendants to provide him a reasonable accommodation and understand that his disability causes his speech impediment.

23. On or around November 5, 2015, Defendant UBER wrongfully terminated Plaintiff Davis.

24. Defendant UBER wrongfully terminated Plaintiff David because of his disability, because of his request for a reasonable accommodation, and because he opposed the unlawful practices of Defendants.

25. That as a result of Defendant UBER’s conduct, Plaintiff GILBERT was caused to sustain serious and permanent personal injuries, including permanent psychological injuries.

26. Plaintiff suffers from regular panic attacks and nightmares relating to Defendant’s conduct.

27. As a result of Defendant’s actions, Plaintiff felt extremely humiliated, degraded, victimized, embarrassed and emotionally distressed.

28. As a result of the acts and conduct complained of herein, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer the loss of income, the loss of salary, bonuses, benefits and other

compensation which such employment entails, and Plaintiff also suffered future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, humiliation, suffering, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment of life, and other non-pecuniary losses. Plaintiff has further experienced severe emotional and physical distress.

29. As Defendant's conduct has been malicious, willful, outrageous, and conducted with full knowledge of the law, Plaintiff demands Punitive Damages as against Defendant.
30. The above are just some examples, of some of the discrimination and retaliation to which Defendant subjected Plaintiff.
31. Defendants have exhibited a pattern and practice of not only discrimination but also retaliation.

**AS A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION FOR DISCRIMINATION
UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

32. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation made in the above paragraphs of this complaint.
33. Plaintiff claims Defendants violated the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336) (*ADA*), as amended, as these titles appear in volume 42 of the United States Code, beginning at section 12101.
34. Title 42 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Chapter 126, Subchapter I, Section 12112, Discrimination [Section 102] states: "(a) General rule. - No covered entity shall discriminate against a qualified individual on the basis of disability in regard to job application procedures, the hiring, advancement, or discharge of employees, employee compensation, job training, and other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment."
35. Defendants engaged in an unlawful discriminatory practice by discriminating against Plaintiff because of his disability.

36. As such, Plaintiff has been damaged as set forth herein.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff requests a jury trial on all issues to be tried.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount to be determined at the time of trial plus interest, including but not limited to all emotional distress and back pay and front pay, punitive damages, liquidated damages, statutory damages, attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements of action; and for such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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